

Jan Day Thompson

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daughter of Ralph and Alexine Day, who worked at Poultry Producers, as a candler, and was there in 1934 when Emma Brandt Sonksen began work.

Debeaking, as told to Maxine Kortum Durney:

We used a little electric hotplate, 3x3 inches. The chicks were little, two or three weeks old. They ran the beak down over the hotplate, to burn off part of the beak, leaving enough for the bird to be able to pick up feed and to drink. The smell of the burning beak was terrible.

I remember our Sunday meals, always chicken, sometimes chicken and dumplings, sometimes fried chicken, sometimes roast chicken. My father killed the birds, my mother defeathered them, and I cleaned them. I loved to do it...to see the insides, all those little eggs... it was interesting to me.

10 cents a dozen. I was lucky to get a black box with crayons. One year I remember I got a beautiful doll I had seen in Tommasini's Hardware. She had a pink dress. My cousin, whose father was a butcher and affluent, got the same doll in a yellow dress. I think my parents sacrificed to get the six dollars for that doll. It is surely a pleasant memory for me now.

We always had good food. My mother was a good cook and she kept a nice home.

Our biggest and only vacation was with my grandparents. We started out for the Olympic Games in L.A., about 1931. We got as far as Santa Cruz. My dad and grandpa went deep sea fishing and



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**DAY, Alexs R. — Funeral Service 2:00 P.M., Tuesday, June 5, 1990,  
at the United Methodist Church, Petaluma.**

**DAY —** Died in Petaluma, California, May 31, 1990, Alexs R. Day. Devoted wife of the late Ralph Day. Loving mother of Jan Thompson of Petaluma. Loving grandmother of Janet Wild of San Rafael and Jennifer Thompson of Petaluma. Loving sister of Alpheus Brian of Delevan, Ca. and the late James Brian. Loving aunt of Patsy Jean O'Donnell of Petaluma and numerous other nieces and nephews.

A native of Baltimore, Maryland. Age 82 years. A member of Rebekah Lodge, Penngrove Grange, Petaluma Museum Association, United Methodist Church, and numerous card clubs.

Friends are invited to attend the Funeral Service Tuesday, June 5, 1990, at 2:00 P.M., at the United Methodist Church, corner of 5th & D Streets, Petaluma. Those who prefer may contribute to their favorite charity in memory of Mrs. Day. Friends may call at the PARENT-SORENSEN MORTUARY, Magnolia Avenue and Keokuk St., Petaluma, on Monday, June 4, 1990, from 10:00 A.M. until 6:00 P.M. and again on Tuesday until 12:00 noon.

Interment Cypress Hill Memorial Park, Petaluma.